

Well-Being

Objective: Increase worker visits with children

Measured by: Children who are visited quarterly by their social worker

In order to adequately assess a child's well-being in out-of-home placement, that child must be visited and observed in the environment in which they live.

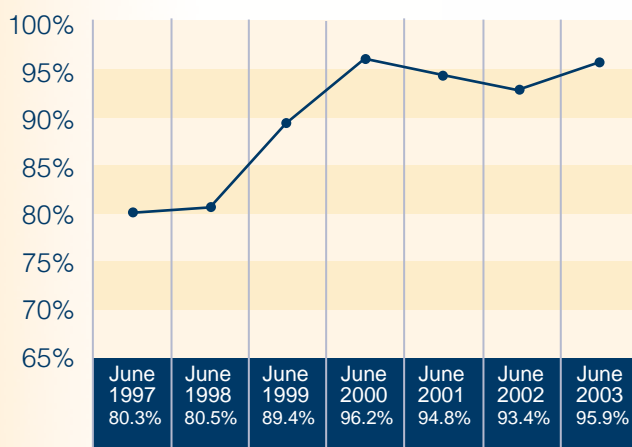
CA requires social workers to make face-to-face contact with children in the child's foster home at least once in each ninety-day period. The health and safety checks are designed to observe the child in their surroundings and assess the health and well-being of the child as well as interactions between the child and foster family.

Additional social worker contact with children in care often occurs at the local Children's Administration office, at appointments and hearings for children and youth and other settings as well.

Social workers are expected to make this quarterly contact with children in their placements in at least 95 percent of the cases involving children in out-of-home care. It is unlikely that performance for this measure will ever reach 100 percent due to children who run away and other unforeseen circumstances.

In fiscal year 2003, 95.6 percent of children were seen by their social workers in their homes quarterly.

**Social Worker Visits with
Children in Foster Care***



*Handcount of the percent of children who have been in out-of-home placement for at least 90 days who are seen face-to-face by their social worker in the caregiver's home at least once during the quarter.

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